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Mr. Americo J. Belluci, City Clerk  
City Hall, 126 Daniel Street  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of October 8, 1954 relative to change of location of the central (and only) polling places for wards I and IV in Portsmouth respectively without change of the territorial limits of these wards themselves, I advise as follows:

Revised Laws of New Hampshire, chapter 34, sections 32, 39 and 48 govern this situation. The provision relative to thirty days' notice (section 37 of said chapter) relates only to additional polling places and is designed to permit notice to voters so that they may determine in advance which of two or more polling places is to serve them. Here, where there is to be but one polling place for the ward in each case, there need be no confusion as each voter in that ward knows he is to be served by the one central polling place in the ward. It is advisable to give as much advance notice of the change of the location of the central polling place as possible and to placard the entrance to the old central polling place with clear directions to the new central polling place in order to minimize confusion. However the 30 day notice required by said section 37 does not apply to a mere change in location of the central polling place.

Very truly yours,

George F. Nelson  
Assistant Attorney General

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